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In Re the Application of:

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For: "METHOD FOR FIXATING  
SLUDGES AND SOILS  
CONTAMINATED WITH MERCURY  
AND OTHER HEAVY METALS"

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated May 1, 2003 (Paper No. 4), the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-45 and 65-70 (Group I), Claims 46-48 (Group II), Claim 49-59 (Group III), and Claims 60-64 (Group IV) were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-45 and 65-70 (Group I) in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Claims 46-48 (Group II), Claim 49-59 (Group III), and Claims 60-64 (Group IV) in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

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